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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6045

BILL NUMBER: SB 275

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 8, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Feb 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Mufflers on Motorcycles.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Zakas

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that: (1) a motorcycle may not be equipped with a straight pipe exhaust system (whether or not baffles are present), hollow core muffler, or muffler that is labeled for off-road closed course competition use if the motorcycle is operated on a highway; (2) a motorcycle manufactured after December 31, 1982, must bear a corresponding exhaust system noise emissions control information label and a motorcycle noise emissions control information label; and (3) a person may not modify the exhaust system of a motorcycle in a manner that amplifies or increases the noise emitted by the motor of the motorcycle above the noise emitted by the muffler installed by the manufacturer.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Penalty Provision:* Individuals who are found to be in violation of the motorcycle equipment, muffler, and noise limit restrictions contained in the bill commit a Class C infraction. The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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